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ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY TO WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any strategy to provide health and environmental safety to the workers conforms to world standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is obligatory on the part of Government to provide such facilities under W.T.O. agreement; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is the agencyengaged in setting world standards in the form of Conventions, Recommendations, Code of Practices etc. in the fields of labourprotection including safety and health of workers employed in different sectors/occupations all over the world. So far India has ratified 38 ILO Conventions.

(d): There is no obligation on the part of the Government under any of the WTO agreements to provide to the workers any facilities relating to health or environmental safety conforming to the world standards.

(e): Does not arise.